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SUBJECT: MBFR WORKING GROUP: TACKLING THE ASSESSMENT OF

- ASSOCIATED MEASURES

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1. ANTICIPATING APPROVAL OF WG MANDATE FOR STUDY OF ASSO-
CIATED MEASURES (REF A), WG LEANED FORWARD IN THE STARTING
BLOCKS AT 23 MAY MEETING AND BEGAN DISCUSSION OF HOW TO
STUDY ASSOCIATED MEASURES AND EFFECTIVELY HANDLE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

2. WG ACTING CHAIRMAN (DU BUISSON) SUGGESTED ORGANIZING
WG STUDY OF ASSOCIATED MEASURES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE INITIAL TASK IS TO DEFINE AND ASSESS APPROPRIATE
PARAMETERS FOR THE ASSOCIATED MEASURES AND EXAMINE EACH

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MEASURE INDIVIDUALLY. THIS ESSENTIALLY WOULD COMPRISE
PARAS A-C OF THE WG'S MANDATE.

(B) FOLLOWING THIS ASSESSMENT, THE WG WOULD REVIEW THE
FULL PACKAGE (PARA D OF THE MANDATE).

3. TO IMPLEMENT THE DETAILED REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL

MEASURES, AND STILL PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY, DU BUISSON PROPOSED A NUMBER OF "SUBGROUPS." IF THERE WERE TWO SUBGROUPS, THEY MIGHT DEAL RESPECTIVELY WITH STABILIZING MEASURES AND VERIFICATION MEASURES. IF CONSTITUTED, A THIRD GROUP MIGHT DEAL WITH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MANPOWER AND STRUCTURES.

4. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, UK REP MADE SIMILAR REMARKS. SUGGESTING THAT THE WG DISCUSSION BEGIN WITH A SERIES OF GENERAL MEETINGS ON ASSOCIATED MEASURES TO DETERMINE BASIC WG ORIENTATION, HE PROPOSED CREATION OF FOUR SUBGROUPS AS FOLLOW:

(A) OUT OF GARRISON ACTIVITIES - TO DEAL WITH PROPOSALS 1, 3, AND 6 OF THE US PAPER (STATE 87491)

(B) MOVEMENTS INTO AND OUT OF THE NGA - TO DEAL WITH MEASURES 2, 7 AND 8 OF US PROPOSAL

(C) OVERT VERIFICATION - MEASURES 4 AND 5

(D) OTHER - MEASURES 9 AND 10.

- --UK REP ALSO NOTED THAT LONDON IS PREPARING AND WILL
- SOON DISTRIBUTE A "FORMAT PAPER" THAT WILL SUGGEST
- AN APPROACH AND ORGANIZATION FOR THE WG STUDY.

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5. WG IS GROPING TOWARD A MECHANISM TO SYSTEMATICALLY HANDLE THE BULKY ASSOCIATED MEASURES PACKAGE. ALTHOUGH SUBGROUP CONCEPT HAS ADVANTAGES, ITS MODALITIES (TIMING, COMPOSITION) ARE STILL VAGUE. WE ASSUME SUBGROUP MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE OPENENDED BUT IF SUBGROUPS WERE TO MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON SMALLER DELEGATIONS. IF PACE IS SLOWED TO CAPACITY OF SMALLER DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, "SUBGROUP" MEETINGS WOULD BECOME DE FACTO WG MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES STUDY WOULD BE EXTENDED.

- ADDITIONALLY THE PROSPECTIVE ROLE OF EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS IS STILL NOT CLEAR. WG DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WHETHER EXPERTS WOULD REGULARLY JOIN SUBGROUPS FOR SESSIONS OR PROVIDE INITIAL OVERVIEW. US REP SUGGESTED THAT, IF WG DESIRED EXPERTS' ASSISTANCE, THEY MIGHT BEST BE USED TO SET THE SCENE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPLANATIONS BEFORE SUBGROUPS BEGAN THEIR EFFORTS. THIS POINT WILL BE ADDRESSED FURTHER.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS IN TIME FOR NEXT WG MEETING TUESDAY, 30 MAY.GLITMAN

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